(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) As per the data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from the scheduled commercial banks, the number of sick micro and small enterprises (MSEs) in the country has come down from 1,14,132 as at the end of March 2007 to 1,02,951 as at the end of March 2009. Information in respect of medium enterprises is not being collated by the RBI.

(c) and (d) Financial assistance, by way of debt restructuring, including fresh loans, for the rehabilitation of sick MSE is provided by the primary lending institutions (PLIs), including commercial banks, which provide credit to the MSEs. For this purpose, the RBI has issued detailed guidelines to banks in January 2002 on detection of sickness in MSE at an early stage and taking remedial measures and for rehabilitation of sick MSEs identified as potentially viable. RBI has also issued guidelines on 8th September 2005 on debt restructuring mechanism for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) based on the "Policy Package for Stepping up Credit to Small and Medium Enterprises" announced by the Central Government on 10 August 2005. These, guidelines relate, *inter alia*, to viability criteria, prudential norms for restructured accounts, provision of additional finance and time frame for working out the restructuring package and its implementation. Further, the RBI has advised all scheduled commercial banks on May 4, 2009 to apply the RBIs guidelines on debt restructuring optimally and in letter and spirit and put in place their own non-discretionary one-time settlement (OTS) policy for the MSE sector.

Funds released to Uttarakhand under PMRY

2565. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released to Uttarakhand under Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY) during the last three years;

(b) the number of villages benefited as a result thereof; and

(c) the funds proposed during the year 2009-2010?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) is not being implemented with effect from 2008-2009 as a new scheme namely Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been formulated by merging two employment generation schemes *viz.*, PMRY and Rural Employment Generation Progamme (REGP) earlier being implemented by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. The details of fund released to Government of Uttarakhand during 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 under PMRY are as under:

Year	Funds released (Rs. lakh)
2006-2007	83.49
2007-2008	81.14

Funds for subsidy payable to the individual beneficiaries were routed through the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) which in turn passed them to the implementing banks for crediting the admissible subsidy to the loan accounts of beneficiaries.

PMRY was a credit linked subsidy scheme and its objective was to assist the educated unemployed youth of economically weaker sections in setting up of self employment ventures in industry, service and business sectors. Initially, the PMRY was implemented only in urban areas of the country. With effect from 1994-1995, it was implemented in both urban and rural areas. The number of beneficiaries in Uttarakhand to whom loans were disbursed during 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 as reported by Reserve Bank of India are as under:

Year	No.of beneficiares (persons to whom loan disbursed by banks)
2006-2007	7573
2007-2008	7737

Protection and promotion of MSMEs

2566. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided, as a matter of policy, to promote micro, small and medium enterprises by investing substantial amounts of money;

(b) whether Government believes in "small is beauty" principle in order to protect the small investors by giving them loans with meager interests; and

(c) if so, the measures taken so far to protect and promote small-scale industries and enterprises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) To facilitate the promotion and development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and enhance their competitiveness, the Government has announced a 'Policy Package for Stepping up Credit to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)' on 10th August 2005 which envisages public sector banks to fix their own targets for funding of MSMEs in order to achieve a minimum 20 per cent year-on-year growth in credit to the MSME sector. The Government has also announced in February 2007 a 'Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises' with an objective to provide support in areas of credit, technology upgradation, marketing, infrastructure etc. Further, keeping in view the impact of global economic slowdown on MSMEs, the Government, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Public Sector Banks have taken several measures for protecting and providing a stimulus to the MSMEs which, *inter alia,* include: (i) extending the loan limit under Credit Guarantee Scheme from Rs.50 lakh to